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Penn. State Agricultural Society.

A large meeting of the members of this Society, with the Governor, Heads of Departments, and many members of each House, convened for their annual election in the Hall of the House of Representatives this afternoon. In the absence of the President at Court, CHAS. B. THREO, Esq., of Philadelphia, was called to the chair.

The first business was the reading by Hon. A. O. Heister, of Dauphin, of the Report on Field Crops, deferred at the time of the Exhibition last fall.

CORNS.—They recommended \$15 premium, and \$50 as an honorary premium, to Geo. Walker, of Woolbury, Susquehanna county, for the largest crop of corn—150 bushels to the acre—as certified to by Hon. Wm. Jessup, Wm. D. Cope, and A. Chamberlin, Esq. It was gathered before being shrunken any, which would reduce the amount 15th or 16th, and the whole acre was not measured, but what was supposed a fair average was taken. The writer is acquainted with the parties, and the soil, and knows also that over 100 bushels shaded out to the acre is a common occurrence in Susquehanna county. In New York, 110 bushels to the acre is the highest amount ever reached. The "Keystone" therefore excels the "Empire" in other products. The same field produced several hundred weight in pumpkins.

Also \$5 to John A. McCrea, of Montgomery county, for a field of corn producing 63 bushels to the acre.

Also \$5 to John D. Bitzer, of Lancaster, for fields producing over 96 and over 85 bushels per acre.

WHEAT.—First premium to Reuben Walker, of Lancaster county, over 4 bushels to the acre.

Joseph Lyndall, Lycoming county, 32 bushels.

OATS.—First premium to Benj. Buckwalter, of Lancaster county, over 73 bushels per acre.

CARRIERS.—Premium of \$8, and honorary premium of \$20, to John Wilkinson, Agent of Mt. Airy Institute, Germantown, who raised 1007 bushels from one acre. He ploughed them up by a plough which ran 17 inches deep, doing the labor of 20 men, and sold them in Philadelphia, for horses, at \$7 to \$9 each, per bushel, amounting to \$159 for one acre.

This Report was accepted and adopted.

Geo. H. Baker, of Cumberland, Texas, reported, from which it appeared that the finances of the Society are in a most flourishing condition, their being \$5000 invested, \$2000 in bank, and \$2000 on hand—\$2000 in all of available resources.

Robert C. Walker, of Allegheny, Secretary, then read his report. He states there are now 19 County Societies in the State, but complains that few if any transmitted their reports annually to the State Society, as is required. The State Society comprises 4200 members. Increase of premiums is advisable. The next Fair will be earlier in the season, and continue four days, in order that visitors and Judges may have ample time to observe and make up their opinions.

There was quite strife for officers. I believe the following is a complete list of those elected:

President—FREDRICK WATTIS.
Vice Presidents—From Congressional districts: 1. Peter B. Sayre, 2. J. R. Ingraham, 3. J. Green, 4. George R. Roberts, 5. John Kennedy, 6. Abram R. McIlvane, 7. Wm. Steavely, 8. George Shantz, 9. John Strohm, 10. J. P. Kinsler, 11. Amos Kapp, 12. Gen. W. Woodward, 13. Augustus Luskengrover, 14. Wm. Jessup, 15. H. N. McAllister, 16. Jacob S. Haldeman, 17. Wm. Hooper, 18. J. S. Scott, 19. J. McFarlan, 20. John H. Ewing, 21. John Murdoch, 22. Wm. Martin, 23. Wm. Waugh, 24. Wm. Butler, 25. James Miles.

Additional Members of the Executive Committee—J. S. Evans, A. O. Heister, I. G. McKinley, Robert McAllister, Simon Cameron.

Corresponding Secretary—A. L. Elwyn.
Recording Secretary—Robert C. Walker.
Treasurer—Geo. H. Baker.
Compt. and Subsidiary—S. S. Hulme.
Librarian—David Mumma.

At the evening session, an amendment was made to the Constitution, by which the Treas. and Rec. Sec. will hereafter be appointed by the Ex. Com. and will not be members of that Committee. They will also probably have a salary.

On the report of a committee appointed for that purpose, the Society recommended that a *State Agricultural Convention* be held in this place on Tuesday the 8th of March next, to urge and fix upon some mode of advancing the interests of Agriculture by legislative aid. County Societies to send Delegates, and when no Society exists, friends of Ag. improvement to appear in the best way possible. The number of Delegates to correspond with the No. of Sen. and Rep. in each county or district.

Hon. John Beale, President of the Juniata County Ag. Soc., gave a verbal account of the operations and prospects of that Society, and the Convention adjourned.

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Batter, brought from Leavenworth, has been selling in Boston for 22 and 24 cents per pound, the fink, subject to a duty of 4 cents per pound.

An ingenious down-enter has invented an umbrella with a gutter around it, so that the water pours off in a single stream. What next?

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The First Fair of the Union County Agricultural Society.

SHALL IT BE HELD AT LEWISBURG?

It is desirable? I think no one can doubt it who will give the subject a moment's consideration. It is unquestionably of great importance to every person in the community that agriculture should flourish around us. On the efficiency of that branch of business the means of subsistence for all of us depend. Could the farmers generally be taught how to increase their products by one-half, while the expense to them and labor remained the same, it would obviously be a great advantage to everybody. Well, there are farmers, doubtless, who produce one half more from a given amount of capital and labor than the generally do; and one advantage of fairs is that they make more public the results and the methods of the most successful, and so both stimulate and guide the endeavors of all who are not below the desire for improvement. Fairs bring to view, moreover, productions of the earth that are new to their respective neighborhoods, in the gardening line as well as the farming, improved stock, implements, &c., and foster a spirit of useful emulation, from which beneficial effects are sure to follow. I think the favorable influence of the Northumberland Fair is visible already, in many parts of that county, more particularly about the borough. And where is there a region which will better repay the attention of the Legislature to a new law in relation to State Printing, which should cure some imperfections of the existing system. Senators Darst of Allegheny, Myers of Clarion, and Kunkel of Dauphin (Whigs) and Senator Heister of Berks and Mr. Cook of Westmoreland (Dem.) opposed the notion alleging that the law to meet here and declare the election this day, was imperative and unavoidable; and that if defects existed, or better plans could be devised, it was not now in the power of the body to await their promulgation. All the Whigs and some Democrats in each House voted against the motion; but it carried by a small majority, and the Convention was declared adjourned.

There were proposals received, but some of the printers here are not content with the profits lately received, under the lowest bidder system. It is so different from the "good old times" when they used to make \$20,000 or \$30,000 per year! Some of them now want to get up a "splendid" Printing House—"Government," of course—and a "Superintendent," with a "liberal salary," of course! Then the printing would be done right, &c. This is all "moonshine," in my mind. M'Kinley & Lescure executed the work well enough, and Fenn & Co. do it well enough, and they have made enough, or they would not be after it again.

In the evening, Rev. Mr. Hammer, Agent of the American Sunday School Union, addressed a meeting in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in favor of that Institution. Gov. Bigler presided, and resolutions in favor of the object were also presented by Dr. James Carothers, a Senator from Allegany, and Rev. Mr. Brock, a Representative from Greene Co. The attendance was not large, but the interest imparted by the Agent, was happy, and we should hope might be productive of good effects. We doubt whether any State in the Union needs more labor in department of benevolent enterprise, than our own. Its extent, the rapidity of its increase, the variety of its races and their pursuits, and their difference in language, are reasons why we are behind-hand in Sabbath School universality. QUI.

Appointments by the Canal Commissioners.

J. B. Baker, Superintendent Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad.

Gen. John Ross, Superintendent Allegheny Portage Railroad.

C. S. Moon, Tonnage Clerk Columbia Railroad.

COLLECTORS.

James Morrison, Easton.

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H. H. Zimmerman, Williamsport.

Peter Ent, Northumberland.

J. J. Huggins, Beach Haven.

Wm. Cole, Liverpool.

Outlet lock, Portsmouth.

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G. Shoemaker, Juniper A'qt.

R. Martin, Frostport.

SUPERVISOR.

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R. Blakely, Pittsburgh.

T. S. Rowley, do.

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